Vacant posts of Chief Justices in High Courts

*4. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will he Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the State High Courts where the posts of the Chief Justice are lying vacant;

(b) the dates since when they have been lying vacant; and

(c) the reasons for delay in filling up the said vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) As on 24.7.87, the posts of Chief Justices were vacant in the High Courts of Allahabad and Bombay with effect from 16.7.87 and 1.5.87 respectively.

The matter regarding filling up the post of Chief Justices in these High Courts is engaging the attention of the Government.

Growth rate of industrial production

*5. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rate of growth of industrial production during the past six months (January—June, 1987);

(b) whether the target of annual industrial growth for the 7th Plan has been achieved; and

(c) if not, what are the main reasons for the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) According to the C.S.O's Quick Index of Industrial Production for January, 1987, at rate of growth of 7.7 per cent was achieved during April—January 1986-87 over April—January 1985-86. The growth rate in 1985-86 was 8.7 per cent. The average for the first two years of the Plan is expected to be around 8 per cent.

(c) The rate of growth of industrial production would have been higher but for certain demand and infrastructural constraints.

Low Cost Power sub-Stations

*6. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new low cost power sub-station had been designed by the Rural Electrification Corporation a few years back;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether such sub-stations are proposed to be set up in all the states;

(d) if so, what are the names of the states where these stations are to be set up; and

(e) by when the work in this respect is likely to be started and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The Rural Electrification Corporation has circulated to all the State Electricity Boards the standardised design of a low cost 33/11 kV sub-station for supply of power to rural areas. The new design makes use of certain automatic control equipment and the requirement of land and buildings has also been reduced.

(c) to (e) The State Electricity Boards which have initiated action to set up sub-stations with the new design include those in Uttar Pra-